2013 Summer free Ranger Programs June 9 - September 2

Sunday

10:00 am Pedal Port Oneida

Enjoy a guided bike ride on Sleeping Bear's back roads and learn about the farms and families of the Port Oneida Rural Historic District. Meet at the old Port Oneida schoolhouse on the corner of M-22 and Port Oneida Road. Take M-22 north from the visitor center 13.1 miles to Port Oneida Road. 1.5 to 2 hours. 4.5 miles.

Glen Haven: Capital of DH Day's Kingdom 1:00 pm

Feel the past come back to life on a guided walking tour of this once-bustling historic village. Meet in the Cannery in Glen Haven, 1.5 hours, less than 1 mile. (Closed toe shoes and long pants recommended.)

Heroes of the Storm 3:00 pm

This re-enactment of a turn-of-the-century shipwreck rescue is designed for children of all ages. Maritime Museum, Glen Haven, 30 min.

Glaciers are Cool 4:00 pm

Come hike the Empire Bluff trail with a park ranger and learn how glaciers shaped the landscape around you. Empire Bluff trailhead, 1 hour, 1.5 miles.

Evening Program – The Plover's Story 8:00 pm

Take an imaginary hike through plover habitat to observe the challenging life cycle of our Piping Plover and discover the reasons they are endangered. Platte River Campground Amphitheater, 45 min.

Monday

10:00 am Life and Death on the Farm

Explore the Miller homestead and cemetery and learn about the tragedies and triumphs of life on the farm in Port Oneida. Meet at the Kelderhouse Farm on the corner of M-22 and Port Oneida Road. Take M-22 north from the visitor center 13.1 miles to Port Oneida Road, 1 hour, less than 1 mile.

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Not Just a Butterfly 4:00 pm

Plants, climate and habitat are just a few of the requirements necessary for the survival of the butterfly. Enjoy an hour with the butterflies. Binoculars, cameras and long pants are recommended. Meet at the Pyramid Point Trailhead 17 miles north of Empire on M-22, left on Port Oneida Rd for 3.5 miles to the trailhead on the left, 1 hour, 1 mile.

Evening Program-Shipwrecks, Pirates, 8:00 pm and Bootlegging

The Legend of the Sleeping Bear is not the only tale to be told from this park. Join a park ranger for an evening of stories from Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, and at the end you decide which are fact and which are fables. DH Day campground amphitheater, 45 min.

Tuesday

10:00 am Photography that Restores

Walk the beach with a park ranger and see Sleeping Bear in a new light. With new photo tips and tricks every week, learn to use your camera not only to record but to help restore the beauty you treasure at the Lakeshore. Good Harbor Beach (County Rd. 669), 1.5 hrs long, 1.5 mi round trip beach walk. No program July 16.

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4:00 pm **Junior Rangers Rock**

Join a park ranger at the Log Cabin to learn why Sleeping Bear Dunes rocks! Explore the geological world of Sleeping Bear and create your own fossil. Log Cabin, DH Day campground, 1 hour, less than .5 miles.

8:00 pm Evening Program-Who is swimming in SLBE?

Ever wonder who else is splashing around in the lakes and rivers you enjoy playing in? Join a park ranger to learn about some of the other Sleeping Bear mammals that enjoy the same waters you do. DH Day campground amphitheater, 45 minutes.

8:00 pm **Evening Program-The Story of Sand**

What are the ecological forces that move sand, and where did all that sand come from? Find the answers and more! Platte River campground amphitheater, 45 min.

Parking for DH Day Campground is by the log cabin at the rear of the campground, a short walk from the amphitheater. • Parking for Platte River Campground is in the lot next to the ranger station. Both facilities are handicapped accessible. • Water, insect repellent, sunscreen, sturdy walking shoes recommended for all programs.

Wednesday

10:00 am The Best Hike in the Park

Enjoy a unique view of the Manitou Passage, witness the force of the wind on the shifting sands. Finish at the ghost forest or continue on the trail. Sleeping Bear Point Trailhead. 1/2 mile west of the Maritime Museum, 1hour, 1 mile.

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A Wildflower Treat

Treat yourself to the "scent"-ual sensation of nature. Follow M-22 South of the visitor center in Empire (approx. 1.8 miles) to Stormer Rd, turn right and travel west to the 90-degree curve and park on the shoulder of the road across from the red barn, 1 hour, 1.5 miles

7:00 pm Tall Tales on the Trail

Share stories of invasions and excursions. Learn legends of famine, forest fires, and fame. Join a park ranger for a leisurely bike ride through time and restore Sleeping Bear's heritage with the oral tradition of lore. *Meet at the Log Cabin, DH Day campground*, 1.5-2 hrs, 5 miles round trip.

No program July 10 & 17.

8:00 pm **Evening Program-Sleeping Bear Brain Brawl 2013**

Bring your family, friends, or just yourself to compete in a Sleeping Bear Dunes themed trivia game that's sure to test your knowledge of Sleeping Bear Dunes and the National Park Service. *Platte River campground amphitheater*, 45 min.

Thursday

10:00 am Junior Ranger Romp

Explore a meadow, search for insects, birds, and signs of other wildlife. Find out how animals, and you, are part of the ecosystem. For the young and young-at-heart. Children must be accompanied by and adult. *Dune Climb*, 1 hour, less than 1 mile

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3:30 pm Lyle Gun Demonstration

Watch a live, black powder firing of the Lyle Gun, a line-throwing cannon, that was used by the U.S. Lifesaving Service and U.S. Coast Guard for over 75 years to rescue thousands of shipwreck victims. *Maritime Museum*, *Glen Haven*, 30 min.

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No program July 11 & 18.

8:00 pm Evening Program - Voices of the Manitous

Today the Manitou Islands exist as virtual ghost towns, yet less than a century ago they were bustling logging, farming, and maritime communities. Join a park ranger to hear their stories. *Platte River Campground amphitheater*, 45 min.

8:00 pm Evening Program - How's the Water?

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, what puts the water of Sleeping Bear in danger, and what you can do to protect it. *DH Day campground amphitheater*, 45 min.

Friday

10:00 am Water, Water, Everywhere!

Explore many places where water is at work in the park with a ranger. While hiking, you'll discover the necessity of water to Sleeping Bear Dunes and life on earth. *Meet the ranger at Esch Beach*, 1.5 hrs, 2 miles. (Shoes and are recommended.)

3:00 pm Heroes of the Storm

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No programs on August 9. Join us at the Port Oneida Fair.

4:00 pm Playing is Learning

Meet a park ranger for some Junior Ranger fun. Learn about the animals of Sleeping Bear Dunes, while playing games. This program will put you one step closer to becoming a Junior Ranger! *Meet at the Platte River campground office*, 1 hour.

8:00 pm Evening Program-Stories of the Stars

Meet before the sun sets to plan an evening of stargazing. Discover the locations and legends of stars in the night sky. *Platte River campground amphitheater*, 45 min.

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Saturday

10:00 am Blowing in the Wind

Come see what's blowing up on the beaches of Sleeping Bear. Learn about the effects of litter on the shoreline while helping a park ranger keep North Bar beach clean. This is also a great opportunity for Junior Rangers to earn their patches. *North Bar Lake*, 1 hour, 1 mile

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4:00 pm Fishing Fun

Join a park ranger for some fishy fun fly casting, and you'll learn how to make your own fishing reels, play casting games, and go fishing. Bass Lake at Trails End, 1 hour, less than .5 miles

8:00 pm **Evening Program-Be Bear Aware**

Come learn about our largest mammal and how we can all enjoy living together in the "Most Beautiful Place in America." *Platte River campground amphitheater*, 45 min.

No programs on August 10. Join us at the Port Oneida Fair.